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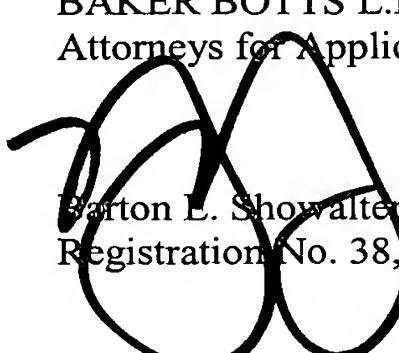
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-4 and 30-34. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowability mailed January 5, 2004, transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are seven (7) sheets of formal drawings.

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